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CERC issues the rates under clause 5.6 (vi) of the Ministry of Power's "Guidelines for Determination of Tariff by Bidding Process for Procurement of Power by Distribution Licensees" dated January 19, 2005, as amended. It also cites a Ministry of Power communication to CERC dated April 13, 2022, and a Ministry of Power resolution dated July 11, 2022 amending the guidelines of March 6, 2019 for long-term procurement of electricity from thermal power stations set up on a Design, Build, Finance, Own and Operate (DBFOO) basis, with coal allocated under B (I), B(III) and B(IV) of the SHAKTI policy.

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Applies to	September 2026
Imported coal	3.59%
Transportation of imported coal	5.98%
Inland handling of imported coal	0.44%
Basis	Clause 5.6 (vi), Ministry of Power guidelines of January 19, 2005; MOP communication of April 13, 2022; MOP resolution of July 11, 2022

Monthly escalation rates applicable for September 2026

Description	Monthly escalation rate for payment

Escalation rate for imported coal	3.59%
Escalation rate for transportation of imported coal	5.98%
Escalation rate for inland handling of imported coal	0.44%

The notification (PDF, 764 KB)

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